



Mothers' Union

Our much anticipated and very popular Deanery Coffee Morning will take place at Margaret Greely's house, 39 Fordwich Rise, Hertford on Tuesday 28th April from 10.30am until noon. As usual there will be a raffle, bring and buy stall and an MU Enterprises stall with cards and small gifts.

Everyone is welcome and we hope you can join us.

Ann Stephens-Jones

World Vision 24-hour famine

"Thank you" to everyone who sponsored me; I have collected £350 (£430 with Gift Aid).

This year the 24 Hour Famine's appeal has been for World Vision's target of helping girls along National Highway-8 in Rajasthan, India. These girls are the offspring of a group of women who started life in the old days by dancing for the Indian rulers but now 'entertain' lorry drivers along Highway-8 with the subsequent exposure to HIV/AIDS.

World Vision plans to fund projects which will educate younger girls to take up other types of work, as well as education on avoiding HIV/AIDS. I have a DVD about the project should anyone wish to borrow it.

Thank you all.
Derek Westwood

Women's Fellowship

Our AGM in February was quite short and well attended. All the Committee members agreed to continue; they are: Mrs M Geering, Chairman and Treasurer; Miss P Geering, Secretary; Mesdames S Frost, E Pile and B Squires. Stella keeps the register and Elaine does the refreshments.

The chairman gave a report on last years meetings, which had been interesting and varied, often illustrated with slides. We were please that Jo, our new vicar, was able to join us to give the Lenten Talk.

We started the year with funds of £619.15 in the bank and £37.63 in cash and ended with £633.39 and £33.80 respectively. The subscription remains at £3 and is now due.

This month's meeting is on Wednesday 22nd at 2.30 p.m. in the church hall, when Mrs Jean Riddell will give a talk on writing the biography of Mr Peter Ruffles.

Mary Geering

Thank You!

Thank you for the prayers, cards and enquiries made during my recent stay in hospital. It was comforting to know that so many friends at church were thinking of me and wishing me well.

Joan Allum

Stewardship and Talents Campaign

Thank you very much indeed to everyone who responded so generously to our recent campaign. We have so far received an additional £7272 for the coming year through planned giving and donations, which equates to approximately £9500 with gift aid.

We had a number of talent forms returned. The help offered so far includes, welcoming and hospitality, visiting the elderly, working with children, reading lessons and leading prayers, fundraising, catering, cleaning the church and mending hymn books, finances, administration, delivering magazines.

Your support through giving and talents will make a difference. It will enable us to invest in new and existing areas of ministry in All

Saints and to extend our outreach to the community.

Thank you again for your continued support which is very much appreciated.

Cow Corner

Junior Church news



We very really pleased to be approached by the Mercury newspaper a couple of weeks ago as they wanted to run an article on our Send a Cow project. We hope that you saw our entry in the Mercury and also on the front page of the Star free newspaper. It was a lovely photo of the children, so we shall make sure we get a copy to put up in church.

We have also put together a display board based on the last Family Service which we have placed near the serving hatch of the kitchen so do look out for it. You will also see a new permanent collecting box for coppers. This does not replace the now famous "cow bucket" but will give people an opportunity to donate on days other than Sunday.

We are very grateful for your continuing support of the cow bucket. It has now collected £198 bringing our grand total to £562. Only £200 to go before we can send our cow!

Our next major fundraiser will be a plant sale and coffee morning on Saturday May 16th. Please put the date in your diaries. If anyone is able to grow a few extra plants to augment the ones which we will be growing, please let me know.

With thanks for all your support.

Kath Oates

Easter Egg Competition

Just a reminder that our Easter Egg Competition, which is open to all ages, is coming up soon!

If you would like to take part here is what you do..... Hard-boil or blow any eggs that you will be using. Then design the most amazingly eggstravagant egg person or egg event or egg-themed scene for an eggciting entry!

You should then write the title of your entry on an accompanying card (by all means incorporating eggcruciatingly eggy puns!) together with your name, age (if appropriate) and whether you are KS1, KS2, Secondary or Adult.

Please bring your entries to the back of the church before 12.00 noon on Saturday 11th April.

All the entries will be on display from Easter Sunday, when the winners will be announced during the 10.00 service.

There are super prizes to be won – but taking part is the really fun bit, so we look forward to seeing lots of ingenious entries!

Christian Aid Walk

Volunteers are needed to help again with the initial checkpoint of the Christian Aid Walk, which this year is at Richard Hale School, on Saturday May 9th.

As you may know, we need to be there at approx 7.30am to 7.45am ready to check in the walkers who start arriving from about 8am for an 8.30am start BUT we finish promptly at 9.30am and are free then – possibly to walk yourselves!

It will only take 2 hours of your time and it is a very worthwhile cause.

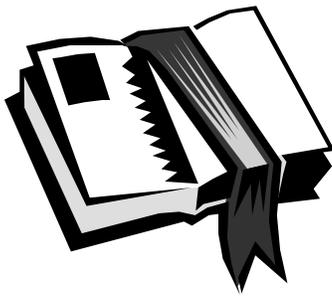
I would appreciate you letting me know if you can help.

Rosemary Bolton

Fancy a good read?

If you struggle to know where to begin when reading your Bible and feel you would like some guidance with this why not consider taking out a subscription to one of the following two guides.

New Daylight provides four months of daily Bible readings and comment, with a regular team of contributors drawn from a range of church backgrounds. It is easy to follow, thought provoking and ideal for anyone wanting an accessible yet stimulating aid to spending time with God each day, deepening their faith and their knowledge of Scripture.



Guidelines offers a more in-depth study and comment, covering biblical books and themes. The daily readings are arranged in weekly sections, each including an introduction and points for thought and prayer.

These excellent booklets are published three times a year beginning in May (although you can subscribe at any time) and cost in the region of £12.00 for the year. If you need more information or would like to take out a subscription for one of these excellent booklets please speak with Denise Dilley – 01992 587113 who will be pleased to include you on her subscription list.

Coffee Mornings

Many thanks to everyone who helped or contributed to the Coffee Morning in February. We raised £483.70 in total which was divided between the forthcoming Flower Festival in October and All Saints Church.



Our next Coffee Morning is to be combined with a Plant Sale and will be held in All Saints Church on Saturday, 16th May from 10.00am until 12.00 noon. Proceeds will go to the Junior Church "Send a Cow" project. We shall need lots of help to ensure the success of this event. As well as our usual cakes, raffle, second hand books and nearly new stalls we shall also need lots of plants to sell.

If you are in the process of browsing through seed catalogues or preparing your greenhouse for Spring planting, please sow a few extra seeds (flowers or vegetables or both!) or take a few extra cuttings etc., water them, speak to them nicely and encourage them to grow and bring them along to the Coffee Morning/Plant Sale.

Items for the nearly new or book stalls etc can be left at the back of the Church. If you would like further information on this event or the "Send a Cow" project please speak with Denise Dilley – 01992 587113 or Kath Oates – 01992 535805

Mayor of Hertford's Charity Civic Dinner/Dance

In aid of Herts Air Ambulance and Herts Aid

You are cordially invited to attend the Mayor of Hertford's Civic Charity Dinner on Saturday 25 April 2008, with a St Georges Day theme.

The event includes a Red Carpet Arrival, where you will be personally greeted by the Mayor, a champagne reception, three-course dinner, music by 2XL, plus a charity auction and raffle. Tickets cost £50 each, and are now available from Hertford Town and Tourist Information Centre at 10 Market Place, Hertford.

For more information please visit www.hertford.gov.uk

Festival of Flowers & Music

October 2nd, 3rd & 4th 2009

The Christmas Tree Festival made such an impact working with Isabel Hospice that we wanted to share our fundraising once again for the Flower Festival in October.

This year we have decided to link up with "Keech Cottage Hospice" which supports families from across Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Milton Keynes who are caring for a child or young person diagnosed with a life-limiting condition. These children have a wide variety of conditions. Some may live only a few months whilst others will live for a number of years. Almost all will die before reaching adulthood. The staff offer medical and social care, emotional support and friendship to the whole family, throughout the child's illness and after their death, for as long as it is needed

We hope to arrange a date for a "Cheese & Wine Evening" in May when we can hear more about Keech Cottage and its wonderful work, and it may be possible to arrange a visit for anyone interested. Nearer the time we also hope to have someone to come and talk to us on a Sunday.

We are working on the theme for the flowers and more information will come out next month. We are also beginning to collect sponsorship for the flower arrangements and there are some forms at the back of the Church. Again, more information will follow next month.

Dorothy Toyn

Team News

We remind everyone of the following opportunities to worship together and hope many of you will be able to join us as we pray and grow together.

7th April (Tuesday of Holy Week)

A contemplative service 'The Seven Last Words' 8.00 p.m. at Bengoe.

8th April (Wednesday of Holy Week)

Choral Compline 7.15 p.m. at All Saints

21st May (Ascension Day)

Holy Communion 7.30 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Little Amwell

31st May (Pentecost)

Choral Evensong 6.30pm at All Saints

Children of Eden

Young Idea, the youth section of Hertford Dramatic & Operatic Society will perform *Children of Eden* at Castle Hall, Hertford, from 13-16 May.

A musical based on the first nine-and-a-half chapters of the book of Genesis, *Children of Eden* is a frank, heartfelt and often humorous examination of the age-old conflict between parents and children. Adam and Eve, Noah and the Father who created them deal with the headstrong, cataclysmic actions of their respective children. The show ultimately delivers a bittersweet but inspiring message: "the hardest part of love... is letting go."

Children of Eden is about parents, children and faith... not to mention centuries of unresolved family business!

Annual Meetings and Electoral Roll

The Vestry Meeting (to elect the Church wardens) and the Annual Parish Church Meeting will be held after Parish Communion on 26th April.

If you are not on the current electoral and would like to vote at the APCM, please fill in the electoral roll form – obtainable from Gillian Harman or one of the Wardens

Gluten free wafers

We have a supply of gluten free wafers. If anyone is on a gluten free diet and would like a gluten free wafer, please speak to one of the Wardens.